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AUTOMATICALLY SUPPLEMENTING SCENARIO ON
THE BASIS OF RECEIVED ADDITIONAL DATA

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned prosecuting the present application submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on a translation of the foreign examiners' comments. Specifically, the reference was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated January 8, 2002 from the Japanese Patent Office. An English translation of a portion of the Japanese Office Action citing the reference follows:

It is described in the aforementioned Cited Literature 1 that,

"(0053) When a user who has purchased a book through Online Shopping as above or has purchased a book through some other means would like to make a comment about that book (when the user would like to post a message regarding the book), the user clicks the "Speak My Mind!" button. In this case, a homepage for the purpose of posting comments about the book, such as that shown in Figure 13, is transmitted from IP server 5 to personal computer 1 and displayed on display 19. (0054) By operating the keyboard of input unit 18, the user inputs the title of the book on which the user is to comment into the "Title" field, the user's name in the "Name" field, the user's mailing address in the "Mail Address" field, and the user's

comments in the "Content" field. Then, the user clicks the "Post" button to post the inputted content."

It is also described that,

"(0055) If the "Post" button is clicked, the items that were inputted into the homepage shown in Figure 13 (posting information) are transmitted from personal computer 1 to IP server 5. Then, that content is checked by the information provider as necessary, and if there are no problems, the posted content from the user is reflected in the "Speak Your Mind" column of the homepage shown in Figure 12."

As the user posts the message in the "Preview" homepage scenario, the configuration that adds the received data is shown for this homepage.

Regarding Claim 6

As described in the indicated passages above, Cited Literature 1 has a configuration in which the poster writes a mailing address, which is the contact address of the poster.

Furthermore, it is common practice to request that something that has been performed once be performed once again (sending direct mail to an individual that has made a purchase, etc.), and in order to enhance content in the technology that is described in Cited Literature 1 as well, individuals skilled in the art can easily employ the aforementioned common practice and request the provision of information once again from the poster.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-171450

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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